



NIRB File No. 11MN034

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Sent via email: stephane.robert@agnico-eagle.com

Re: Receipt of Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Meliadine Gold Mine" project

Dear Stephane Robert:

On January 25, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) acknowledged receipt of Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM or Proponent) *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) submission for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 11MN034). The Board initiated an internal review of the DEIS submitted at that time to determine whether or not it conformed to the EIS Guidelines issued to AEM on February 20, 2012. On February 11, 2013 the NIRB issued correspondence to AEM which indicated that the DEIS did not conform to the NIRB's EIS Guidelines and requested that additional information be provided to address the deficiencies identified during the Board's conformity review. Please be advised that on April 18, 2013 the NIRB received AEM's revised submission of the DEIS for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project.

The Board has commenced an internal review of the DEIS resubmission to determine whether the submission conforms to the NIRB's EIS Guidelines and the outstanding requirements as identified the Board's February 11, 2013 correspondence. Please be advised that a notice will be sent to this distribution list advising that the submission has been uploaded to the NIRB's online registry, once this process has been completed.

If the DEIS submission is found to conform with the NIRB's EIS Guidelines, the Board will formally accept the submission and will provide public notice regarding the commencement of a technical review period in accordance with the NIRB's Rules of Procedure.¹ The technical

¹ NIRB Rules of Procedure, September 3, 2009. Available from the NIRB's online public registry at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/06-RULES/>.

review period allows for a detailed review of the DEIS and provides interested parties with an opportunity to analyze the quality of the information presented by the Proponent. During the initial stage of the technical review period, interested parties will be invited to submit requests for additional information (i.e., Information Requests) as may be required to facilitate the development of technical review comments for the Board's consideration.

The Board anticipates completing the internal conformity review and providing an indication as to the acceptability of AEM's Revised DEIS submission on or before **May 6, 2013**.

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Meliadine Gold Mine project, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at kgillard@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4619.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Meliadine Distribution List